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We claim:

1. A method for coordinated investment, the method comprising:

providing a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by an insurance carrier account;

providing a second return, where the second return is substantially based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

adjusting the holdings of fluctuating return assets in response to a change in the second return.

- 2. A method according to claim 1, further comprising receiving LIBOR plus a percentage.
 - 3. A method according to claim 2, wherein the percentage is a spread.
- 4. A method according to claim 2, wherein receiving LIBOR plus a percentage is linked to providing the second return.
- 5. A method according to claim 1, further comprising receiving LIBOR minus a percentage.
 - 6. A method according to claim 5, wherein the percentage is a spread.
- 7. A method according to claim 5, wherein receiving LIBOR minus a percentage is linked to providing the second return.
- 8. A method according to claim 1, further comprising receiving a fee linked to providing the stabilized return.

- 9. A method according to claim 1, wherein the insurance carrier account is a separate account.
- 10. A method according to claim 1, wherein the second return is a total return swap on the established index, and based on the notional investment.
- 11. A method according to claim 1, wherein the second return is a futures contract on the established index, and based on the notional investment.
- 12. A method according to claim 1, wherein the second return is a forward contract on the established index, and based on the notional investment.
- 13. A method according to claim 1, wherein adjusting the holdings of fluctuating return assets occurs on a periodic basis.
- 14. A method according to claim 13, wherein the periodic basis is substantially every month.
- 15. A method according to claim 13, wherein the periodic basis is substantially every quarter.
- 16. A method according to claim 1, further comprising adjusting the holdings of fluctuating return assets in response to a change in the notional investment.
- 17. A method according to claim 1, wherein a stable value provides the stabilized return.
- 18. A method according to claim 1, wherein a stable value provides the second return.

- 19. A method according to claim 1, wherein an insurance carrier holding the insurance carrier account adjusts the holdings of fluctuating return assets.
- 20. A method for a stable value provider to provide coordinated investment, the method comprising:

providing a stabilized return to an insurance carrier separate account on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the insurance carrier separate account;

providing a total return to the insurance carrier separate account, where the total return is based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and periodically adjusting the stabilized return or the total return.

- 21. A method according to claim 20, wherein periodically adjusting the stabilized return occurs in response to a change in the holdings of the fluctuating return assets that are held by the insurance carrier separate account.
- 22. A method according to claim 20, wherein periodically adjusting the total return occurs in response to a change in the notional investment.
- 23. A method according to claim 20, wherein periodically adjusting the stabilized return occurs in response to a change in the notional investment.
- 24. A method for coordinated investment by an insurance company account, the method comprising:

receiving a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the insurance carrier account;

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receiving a second return, where the second return is substantially based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

adjusting the holdings of fluctuating return assets in response to a change in the second return.

- 25. A method according to claim 24, further comprising providing LIBOR plus a percentage.
 - 26. A method according to claim 25, wherein the percentage is a spread.
- 27. A method according to claim 25, wherein providing LIBOR plus a percentage is linked to receiving the second return.
- 28. A method according to claim 24, further comprising providing LIBOR minus a percentage.
 - 29. A method according to claim 28, wherein the percentage is a spread.
- 30. A method according to claim 28, wherein providing LIBOR minus a percentage is linked to receiving the second return.
- 31. A method according to claim 24, further comprising providing a fee linked to receiving the stabilized return.
- 32. A method according to claim 24, wherein the insurance carrier account is a separate account.
- 33. A method according to claim 24, wherein the second return is a total return swap on the established index and based on the notional investment.

- 34. A method according to claim 24, wherein the second return is a future contract on the established index, and based on the notional investment.
- 35. A method according to claim 24, wherein the second return is a forward contract on the established index, and based on the notional investment.
- 36. A method according to claim 24, wherein adjusting the holdings of fluctuating return assets occurs on a periodic basis.
- 37. A method according to claim 34, wherein the periodic basis is substantially every month.
- 38. A method according to claim 34, wherein the periodic basis is substantially every quarter.
- 39. A method according to claim 24, further comprising adjusting the holdings of fluctuating return assets in response to a change in the notional investment.
- 40. A method according to claim 24, wherein a stable value provides the stabilized return.
- 41. A method according to claim 24, wherein a stable value provides the second return.
- 42. A method for coordinated investment by an insurance company separate account, the method comprising:

receiving a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the separate account;

receiving a total return that is based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

periodically adjusting the stabilized return or the total return.

- 43. A method according to claim 42, wherein periodically adjusting the stabilized return occurs in response to a change in the holdings of the fluctuating return assets that are held by the insurance carrier separate account.
- 44. A method according to claim 42, wherein periodically adjusting the total return occurs in response to a change in the notional investment.
- 45. A method according to claim 42, wherein periodically adjusting the stabilized return occurs in response to a change in the notional investment.
- 46. A system for coordinated investment, the system comprising:

 means for providing a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets
 that are held by an insurance carrier account;

means for providing a second return, where the second return is substantially based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and means for adjusting the holdings of fluctuating return assets in response to a change in the second return.

47. A system for a stable value provider to provide coordinated investment, the system comprising:

means for providing a stabilized return to an insurance carrier separate account on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the insurance carrier separate account;

means for providing a total return to the insurance carrier separate account, where the total return is based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

means for periodically adjusting the stabilized return or the total return.

48. A system for coordinated investment by an insurance company account, the system comprising:

means for receiving a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the insurance carrier account;

means for receiving a second return, where the second return is substantially based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and means for adjusting the holdings of fluctuating return assets in response to a change in the second return.

49. A system for coordinated investment by an insurance company separate account, the system comprising:

means for receiving a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the separate account;

means for receiving a total return that is based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

means for periodically adjusting the stabilized return or the total return.

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50. Computer executable software code transmitted as an information signal, the code for coordinated investment, the code comprising:

code to provide a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by an insurance carrier account;

code to provide a second return, where the second return is substantially based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

code to adjust the holdings of fluctuating return assets in response to a change in the second return.

51. Computer executable software code transmitted as an information signal, the code for a stable value provider to provide coordinated investment, the code comprising:

code to provide a stabilized return to an insurance carrier separate account on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the insurance carrier separate account;

code to provide a total return to the insurance carrier separate account, where the total return is based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

code to periodically adjust the stabilized return or the total return.

52. Computer executable software code transmitted as an information signal, the code for coordinated investment by an insurance company account, the code comprising:

code to receive a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the insurance carrier account;

code to receive a second return, where the second return is substantially based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

code to adjust the holdings of fluctuating return assets in response to a change in the second return.

53. Computer executable software code transmitted as an information signal, the code for coordinated investment by an insurance company separate account, the code comprising:

code to receive a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the separate account;

code to receive a total return that is based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

code to periodically adjust the stabilized return or the total return.

54. A computer-readable medium having computer executable software code stored thereon, the code for coordinated investment, the code comprising:

code to provide a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by an insurance carrier account;

code to provide a second return, where the second return is substantially based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

code to adjust the holdings of fluctuating return assets in response to a change in the second return.

55. A computer-readable medium having computer executable software code stored thereon, the code for a stable value provider to provide coordinated investment, the code comprising:

code to provide a stabilized return to an insurance carrier separate account on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the insurance carrier separate account;

code to provide a total return to the insurance carrier separate account, where the total return is based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

code to periodically adjust the stabilized return or the total return.

56. A computer-readable medium having computer executable software code stored thereon, the code for coordinated investment by an insurance company account, the code comprising:

code to receive a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the insurance carrier account;

code to receive a second return, where the second return is substantially based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

code to adjust the holdings of fluctuating return assets in response to a change in the second return.

57. A computer-readable medium having computer executable software code stored thereon, the code for coordinated investment by an insurance company separate account, the code comprising:

code to receive a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the separate account;

code to receive a total return that is based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

code to periodically adjust the stabilized return or the total return.

58. A programmed computer for coordinated investment, comprising:
a memory having at least one region for storing computer executable program

code; and

a processor for executing the program code stored in the memory; wherein the program code comprises:

code to provide a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by an insurance carrier account;

code to provide a second return, where the second return is substantially based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

code to adjust the holdings of fluctuating return assets in response to a change in the second return.

59. A programmed computer for a stable value provider to provide coordinated investment, comprising:

a memory having at least one region for storing computer executable program code; and

a processor for executing the program code stored in the memory; wherein the program code comprises:

code to provide a stabilized return to an insurance carrier separate account on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the insurance carrier separate account;

code to provide a total return to the insurance carrier separate account, where the total return is based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

code to periodically adjust the stabilized return or the total return.

60. A programmed computer for coordinated investment by an insurance company account, comprising:

a memory having at least one region for storing computer executable program code; and

a processor for executing the program code stored in the memory; wherein the program code comprises:

code to receive a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the insurance carrier account;

code to receive a second return, where the second return is substantially based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

code to adjust the holdings of fluctuating return assets in response to a change in the second return.

61. A programmed computer for coordinated investment by an insurance company separate account, comprising:

a memory having at least one region for storing computer executable program code; and

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a processor for executing the program code stored in the memory; wherein the program code comprises:

code to receive a stabilized return on holdings of fluctuating return assets that are held by the separate account;

code to receive a total return that is based on value of an established index and value of a notional investment; and

code to periodically adjust the stabilized return or the total return.